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## At 'Global Education Leadership Opportunities Conference' Minister Arthur Dowers is the invited keynote speaker at Harvard Graduate School of Education



Last month Minister Arthur Dowers visited various organizations in the U.S.A. to get better acquainted

with the American education system and seek out more opportunities for Aruba's students to continue their education in the U.S. In addition, the goal of this visit was to establish ties between institutions from the two countries. The minister was accompanied by University of Aruba Rector, dr. Glenn Thode and the Department of Education's Acting Director, drs. Anne Marie Proveyer.

One of the institutions Minister Dowers and his delegation visited is the Harvard Graduate School of Education, where they met with different authorities and got them interested in contributing to the development of education on Aruba.

Among others the delega-



tion had a meeting with the executive director of the Latin American Scholarship Program of American Universities (LASPAU), a not-for-profit organization which is affiliated to Harvard University.

Senior Lecturer at Harvard Graduate School of Education, James Honan also met with the delegation for a discussion on his area of expertise, which is education and investigation, financial management of non-profit institutions, performance and management of organizations and institutions of academic education.

The visit at Harvard ended with a meeting with Professor Fernando M. Reimers. The professor is of Venezuelan descent and has much influence at this institution, where he holds the prestigious posts of Ford Foundation Professor of

International Education and Director of Global Education and of International Education Policy. His work entails among others instruction on the relationship between politics of education, democratic citizenship, improvement of instruction methods and innovation in education and social entrepreneurship. His course "Education Policy Analysis and Research in Comparative Perspective" focuses on the main challenges faced by education in areas of development.

Professor Reimers was impressed by the changes Minister Dowers wishes for academic education on Aruba and expressed a serious interest in sending Harvard University students to the island to carry out an academic investigation on the education development.

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## Aura Casino: "Where players win"



Aura Casino at the Occidental Grand is the place to play right now! The cash prizes are flowing out and happy players are leaving with big smiles on their faces.

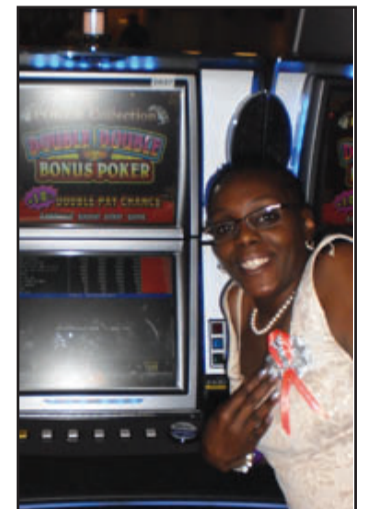
Recently, Mrs. Yolanda Slogombe was one of those happy winners. Mrs. Slogombe found her lucky streak in the newly renovated Aura Casino. She won a total amount of \$1,200,- while playing on the brand new slot machines!

Another happy winner was Mr. Sam Kadi. Mr. Kadi won a total amount of \$1,002,50 at the Aura Casino.

Mr. Kadi's great win was on the slotmachine "Video Black Jack."

Mrs. Aplhda Tressnan also decided to join the winners by going home with the nice sum of \$ 1,000,-. Mrs. Tressnan played the slotmachine "QuickHit."

One more winner was Mrs. Mary Alice Calhoun



Mrs. Mary Alice Calhoun found her lucky streak on the slotmachine "Poker Collections." She won a total amount of \$ 1,000,- at the Aura Casino

Staff & Management want to congratulate all the lucky winners and invite everyone to come and win at the Aura Casino at the Occidental Grand: "Where players win."

## Novice unearths huge gold nugget Down Under

MELBOURNE (AFP) - An amateur prospector has made the find of a lifetime in southern Australia, unearthing a gold nugget weighing about five kilograms (12 pounds) just outside the town of Ballarat, reports said this past week.

The Y-shaped deposit was found with a hand-held metal detector at a depth of a little over 60 centimetres (24 inches), according to a video of the find posted on YouTube.

"The prospector said it sounded like the bonnet of a car through the headphones," wrote TroyAurum, who uploaded the video.

"It was lying flat (broad side up) and he carefully dug it up." The find, made at a popular prospecting site outside Ballarat 110 kilometres (65 miles) from Melbourne, was confirmed by the owner of the town's gold shop, Cordell Kent.

Kent said the nugget was expected to fetch more than Aus\$300,000 (US\$315,340). The prospector wished to remain anonymous.



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## Meet celebrity Chef Scott Neuman as L.G. Smith Steak & Chop House debuts his limited time menu tonight



**Celebrity Chef Scott Neuman and Ren Exec Chef Jose Dominguez**

L.G. Smith Steak & Chop House makes it a practice to periodically bring in renowned chefs from around the world, to devise special menus they feature for only a limited time. For the next two weeks, it will be a spectacular choice of barbecue, elevated well beyond the usual "chicken and ribs," by Chef Scott Neuman of the famed iOBA! Restaurant of Portland, Oregon.

Named over and over again as Portland's #1 eatery, iOBA! was the first to bring Latin cuisine to this northwestern U.S. City. After more than a decade, it continues to win awards, titles, and en-

dorsement from people's choice surveys. Chef Scott, however, went back to his Texas roots for the singular recipes to showcase Certified Black Angus Beef, the flagship offering of L.G. Smith Steak & Chop House.

Island media were invited to sample the new menu, being offered only until February 12, which is truly impressive. Govert van der Hout of Arion Wine Company of Aruba was requested to put together an offering of fine wines to be paired with each of Chef Scot's creations, including several heady red wines to perfectly pair with the rich beef dishes. Maple-

glazed Salmon is also on the menu, and the suggested Chardonnay is delightfully fruity and crisp, excellently complementing many of the appetizers.

However, this special menu is all about the beef, and Certified Black Angus means a quality of meat that is rarely found, except at the very best restaurants. The Dry-aged cuts are prime beef, which melts in your mouth.

dish distinctive. Even such classics as Ranch House Salad, or a side dish of Chili Mac & Cheese, "Mac & Cheese on steroids," as one taste tester put it, or the super-crispy Chili Onion Rings that don't lose their crunch, ever, are outstanding.



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**By Rosalie Klein**



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An innovate cook, Chef Scot has taken the traditional, slow-smoked BBQ he literally "learned at my Daddy's knee" and enhanced it with garnishes, sauces and rubs that incorporate the exciting touches of Fusion cuisine. The modern discoveries of clever cooks deploying the memorable mélanges of flavors from around the world are used to here to make each

This exceptional adventure in BBQ with a gourmet touch costs \$44 for a three-course meal, with a delectable selection in each course, or \$69 including the variety of wines

that have been paired to each dish. A la carte is also available, and you may want to leave room for the fantastic desserts. You will not be surprised why the one request Chef Scott had from his son when they boy came home for a visit, was to make his famous Key Lime Pie; it is a revelation. Chef Scot



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## Kings of Caiso and Soca...

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Both were backed by Gario's band, Le Groove.

The next generation demonstrate they are picking up the baton of this great institution as Shaun Phillips, - "Mighty Talent Jr." continues the tradition set by father, Claudius Phillips, the original "Mighty Talent." Young Shaun has shown he equally has the performing chops to his dad, who has won the contest more times than any other contender. He was also

named "Rookie of the Year," performing the Caiso, winner, "Chillin' Chillin," composed and arranged by Claudius and backed by his band, OREO.

Second Caiso winner was Ashmiani Gario, "Pink Diamond" - also continuing the tradition of her dad "Black Diamond" Antoni, with "Don't Kill The Messenger" composed by her father. Jonathan Thiel took third place performing as "King

Leon." He composed and arranged his song "Graf," and was backed by Upgrade Music band.

Proving he is also a "chip of the old block" Soca second place was won by Ashrock Gario performing as "Diamond Chip" with "Savages" another song by his talented dad. Third place went to Richard Quant, "Mighty Tattoo," backed by Zeta Band with the song "We Going Bananas," which he composed.

## The ladies take over Tumberito: Iyaila Stamper and Franksjien Vos crowned Children's and Youth Tumberito Queens



L to R: Franksjien Vos, Iyaila Stamper

Aruba Entertainment Center was packed for the 5th Festival of Tumberito last Friday.

All the children give a tremendous presentation, as the Tumbas presented were

of a high quality and sung very well. The judges had a tough time picking the winners, but someone had to win.

The absolute winners were for Children's Tumberito 2013 Iyaila Stamper and for Youth Tumberito 2013 Franksjien Vos.

The results were the following:

**CHILDREN'S TUMBERITO 2013**

**Absolute winner:** Iyaila Stamper with her song "Carnaval ta Alegria" (*Carnaval is Happiness*)

**1st runner-up:** Xenon Daal. "T'esaki mi a Stima"

**2nd runner-up:** Kaytheleen Semerel "Awe cay tey

Briya"

**3rd runner-up:** Tahirah Wever "Den Dje"

**4th runner-up:** Pricilla Quandt "Pesey nos Tey"

**Most Popular:** Xenon Daal. "T'esaki mi a Stima"

**Best Costume:** Iyaila Stamper "Carnaval ta Alegria"

**Best Rookie:** Xenon Daal. "T'esaki mi a Stima"

**YOUTH TUMBERITO 2013**

**Absolute winner:** Franksjien Vos with her song: "Hala bin Pega" (*Come and Join*)

**1st runner-up:** Eunice Albertsz "Den Grandi"

**2nd runner-up:** Mary-Jane Vrolijk "Ban ricibie"

**3rd runner-up:** Ashanti Rodriguez "Nos tey hibe te Final"

**4th runner-up:** Priscylla Semeleer "Futuro ta Nos"

**Most Popular:** Franksjien Vos "Hala bin Pega"

**Best Costume:** Priscylla Semeleer "Futuro ta Nos"

**Best Rookie:** Ashanti Rodriguez "Nos tey hibe te Final"

Photo by 24ora.com.



Quant also took the prize for Best Costume.

This was a sparkling year for the Caiso & Soca Monarch events, as Aruba's musical diamonds dominated the competition in many ways, despite not taking the top spots.

**List of winners:**  
Richard Quant - Best Cos-

tume

King Law - Dello Gomez - **Best Show**

Mighty Talent Jr. - Shawn Phillips - **Rookie of the Year**

**CAISO CATEGORY**

King Jeon - Johnathan Thiel - Upgrade Music - Graf - **3rd place**

Ashmiani Gario - Don't Kill The Messenger - **2nd place**

Mighty Talent Jr. - Chillin Chillin - Shawn Phillips - **1st Place Caiso**

**Soca CATEGORY**

Tattoo - Richard Quant - We going Banana's - **3rd place**

Savages - Diamond Chip - Ashrock Gario - **2nd place**

Pacquiao - Blackie - Melvin Baptist - **1st Place Soca Monarch**

By Rosalie Klein  
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## Chavez getting stronger, entering 'new phase': VP

CARACAS (AFP) - Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez is "gaining strength" as he finishes post-operative care and enters a "new phase" of cancer treatment, Vice President Nicolas Maduro said Sunday.

Chavez anointed Maduro his political heir before flying to Cuba for a fourth round of cancer surgery on December 11. The longtime Venezuelan leader's condition has been the topic of much debate ever since.

Chavez is "finishing the post-operative period and will enter a new phase of treatment," Maduro said. "His vital signs and organ function are stabilizing, he is conscious and gaining strength for the next stage."

The Venezuelan government has been releasing only minimal information on the condition of Chavez, a 58-year-old former paratrooper who first came to power in 1999 and won another six-year term in October elections.

The figurehead of the region's anti-American left could not attend his scheduled inauguration on January 10 because of his poor health, and the swearing-in ceremony has been postponed indefinitely.

Tensions are running high in Venezuela amid uncertainty over the future of Chavez, but for now the decision by the Supreme Court to allow the indefinite postponement of the inauguration is being respected.

## Minister Arthur Dowers is the invited keynote speaker at Harvard

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Minister Dowers presented Professor Reimers with a painting by local artist Elvis Tromp as a token of appreciation.

Minister Arthur Dowers was invited by Professor Reimers to return to Harvard as the keynote speaker at the annual Harvard University School of Education conference, entitled 'Global Education Leadership Opportunities', which takes place January 24 and 25 at the university in Boston.

Minister Dowers will present a speech with the title "Inside the Mind of a Minister of Education; the challenges of decision making in a world of growing needs,

competing priorities and limited resources." During this visit, he is accompanied by dr. Glenn Thode y Professor Ryan Peterson, who is also an invited speaker at the conference.

The Government of Aruba congratulates Minister Arthur Dowers on this achievement and wishes the Education Minister and Aruba university representatives a fruitful conference.

In our photos, Minister Dowers with Professor Fernando Reimers in front of the famous 'Statue of 3 Lies', located on the Harvard University campus and Professor Reimers receiving a token of appreciation from the minister.



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## Obama takes oath of office to begin second term



**U.S. President Barack Obama waves after being officially sworn-in**

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama took the oath of office Sunday to begin his second term at a simple ceremony stripped of the hope and historic promise that greeted his inauguration four years ago.

United States" and to "preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

Obama, with a slight smile, took the oath with his right hand raised, and his left on a family Bible held by his

later sent a personal tweet saying: "Barack just took the official oath at the @WhiteHouse & used my grandma's bible for the ceremony. I'm so proud of him. -- mo."

Obama, 51, will embark on a second term at a time of deep partisan division in Washington, and will face foreign crises testing his legacy, including Iran's nuclear program and resurgent Islamist militancy in North Africa.

Obama took the oath of office on Sunday to comply with the US Constitution, which dictates his first term ends at noon on January 20.

Tradition states that when that date falls on a Sunday, a private swearing-in is followed on Monday by the public festivities, including the second oath taking, the address, parade and glittering inaugural balls.

Vice President Joe Biden



**U.S. Vice President Joe Biden (L) takes the oath of office from U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor (R) as his wife Dr. Jill Biden and family members looks on**

Pageantry will come today, when Obama retakes the oath in public at the US Capitol, but the stark swearing-in ritual at the White House epitomized the diminished resonance of a presidency forged in tough economic times.

"I, Barack Hussein Obama, do solemnly swear..." Obama said, promising to "faithfully execute the office of President of the

wife Michelle, wearing a blue dress, to match the decor of the oval White House Blue Room hosting the ceremony.

Watched over by portraits of former presidents including Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, Obama hugged his wife and children Malia, 14, and Sasha, 11, before quipping: "I did it" to his youngest daughter.

In tune with her social media age, Michelle Obama

was sworn in before his boss at an early morning ceremony at his official residence, before the two laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery.

Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor -- picked by Obama during his first term to be the first Hispanic judge to sit on the top court -- made her own slice of history by leading Biden as he took the oath.

## Snow causes more cancellations at Heathrow airport

LONDON (AFP) - London's Heathrow Airport warned of further flight cancellations on Monday which would leave thousands more passengers stranded in the fourth day of delays after heavy snow swept across Britain.

The airport, one of the world's busiest, cancelled 260 flights on Sunday, the equivalent of 20 percent of its usual schedule. Meanwhile the Eurostar train service also cancelled four trains due to snow and ice.

As the bad weather that began on Friday looks set to continue into next week, Heathrow said it was cancelling ten percent of flights planned for Monday.

"Latest forecasts for to-

morrow show a high probability of low visibility conditions. This will reduce the capacity of the airport and without action would cause significant disruption to passengers and flights," a statement said.

It said the cancellations today would allow more time for other aircraft to take off and land, reducing the likelihood that there would be last-minute cancellations that would cause even more disruption to travellers.

Britain is braced for a continuation of the bad weather which has left hundreds of homes without power, closed schools and caused transport chaos in recent days, with several weather warnings in place.

## Rahul Gandhi seeks to woo 'young and impatient India'

Jaipur, India (AFP) - Rahul Gandhi, newly named to the number two post in India's ruling Congress party, Sunday delivered a powerful call for change to meet the aspirations of the nation's "young and impatient" population.

"We have to rethink and transform our system and the country," Gandhi, 42, told party members as Congress ended a three-day brainstorming session in the north-western city of Jaipur ahead of 2014 elections.

Congress must listen to the voice of a "young and impatient" India to ensure they

do not feel alienated from the political system, he said, a day after being unanimously voted party vice president.

The scion of the Nehru-Gandhi dynasty, whose family has given India three prime ministers, is now second in the Congress hierarchy behind his mother Sonia, who is president.

Rahul Gandhi's elevation represents a generational shift in Indian politics in which most of the leaders are over 60, while roughly half of the country's 1.2 billion population is under 25.

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## International News

### Colombia's FARC rebels end ceasefire

HAVANA (AFP) - Colombia's FARC rebels announced Sunday the end of a two-month unilateral ceasefire declared in November at the outset of talks in Cuba aimed at ending Latin America's longest-running insurgency.

The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) have said they are willing to extend the ceasefire, due to expire at midnight on Sunday, if the Colombian government agrees to a bilateral truce.

But President Juan Manuel Santos and his government have rejected that idea from the start, portraying the ceasefire as a negotiation tactic and preferring to maintain military pressure on the FARC during the negotiations.

Marquez, the FARC number two, urged the Colombian government to reconsider "the possibility of a bilateral ceasefire and cessation of hostilities, to surround the peace talks

with a calm atmosphere."

The Colombian military says it has registered at least 52 violations by the rebels over the past two months.

On Friday, Colombian police accused the FARC of seizing a shipment of explosives, which it claimed they planned to use for attacks against security forces after the ceasefire ended.

Both the Colombian government and independent experts have noted a significant decrease in overall violence compared to the same period a year ago.

This is the fourth attempt to end the bloodshed, and the first new bid in a decade.

The FARC was set up in 1964 as an agrarian and anti-imperialist outfit determined to redistribute land to the poor. Its fighters take refuge in Colombia's vast expanses of remote jungles.

### US teen held in shooting of five people: police

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A young man has been arrested and charged in the murder of five people, including three children, in the southwestern US state of New Mexico, police said Sunday.

Police said in a statement they found the bodies of an adult male and female and two girls and a boy described as "juveniles," all dead from multiple gunshot wounds, when they arrived at an Albuquerque home late Saturday.

Aaron Williamson, a spokesman for the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office, told AFP "multiple" weapons were found at the scene, including a "military-type assault rifle,"

adding that the investigation was still under way.

The police statement said a "male juvenile" is in custody, charged with two counts of murder and three counts of "child abuse resulting in death."

The identities of the suspect and the victims have not been made public. Local media reported that the suspect was 15 years old.

The shooting came days after US President Barack Obama unveiled a series of sweeping measures aimed at addressing gun violence in the wake of last month's school shooting in Newtown, Connecticut.

### Bodies of 25 hostages found in Algeria gas plant

ALGIERS (AFP) - The bodies of 25 hostages seized by Islamists were found on Sunday inside a remote gas plant in the Algerian Sahara desert, media said a day after special forces swooped to end a deadly 72-hour stand-off.

Citing security sources, Anis Rahmani, director of the private television channel Ennahar, told AFP the army discovered "the bodies of 25 hostages" as they sought to secure the sprawling site.

But a definitive final toll remains unclear.

Popular French-language daily El Watan said, citing security sources, that "30 other bodies," of foreign and Algerian hostages, as well as soldiers, had been found by the special forces at the gas complex.

The discovery came in addition to the preliminary official death toll, the paper said, adding it "confirmed" comments made earlier by Communications Minister Mohamed Said, who warned of the number rising.

"I fear that it (the toll) may be revised upward," after at least 23 foreigners and Algerians, mostly hostages, were killed during the four-day hostage crisis, Said told a radio station.



### Castro sued in Chile over Pinochet-era arms



SANTIAGO (AFP) - A group of retired Chilean military officers sued Cuban President Raul Castro on Friday, accusing him of financing a 1985 arms shipment to opponents of General Augusto Pinochet's dictatorship.

The suit filed with the Santiago Court of Appeals seeks Castro's arrest and trial for allegedly arming a guerrilla movement to try to overthrow the Pinochet regime, which seized power in a 1973 coup.

Castro is due to visit Santiago later this month for a January 27 summit of Latin American and European leaders.

Retired colonel Juan Gonzalez, a leader of the group, said the aim was "to do what

politicians don't dare to do, which is to arrest one of the world's biggest dictators."

"History shows that the Castro brothers financed the far left to try to get the military led by General Pinochet out of the government," said Gonzalez, who leads an organization of ex-military officers backing the late military ruler.

The group is named the September 11 Corporation, after the date of the military coup that toppled President Salvador Allende and brought Pinochet to power.

The suit references a 50-tonne arms shipment seized by Chilean police in 1985 in the coastal town of Carrizal Bajo after it was smuggled in by sea in northern Chile.



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## Health & Living

# 40 years later, abortion rights still contested in US

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Forty years after the US Supreme Court made a landmark ruling guaranteeing abortion rights under the Constitution, the decision is increasingly contested by opponents seeking to restrict access.

The delicate question over whether a woman has the right to choose to terminate a pregnancy -- and thus, critics argue,

end a life -- has long caused deep and bitter divisions in the very fabric of American society, including several deadly incidents.

In what has become a yearly ritual, tens of thousands of pro-life activists will mark the anniversary of the January 22, 1973 "Roe v. Wade" ruling by marching in front of the Supreme Court.

This year's March for Life will take place three days later, on Friday, due to festivities surrounding President Barack Obama's inauguration to a second term.

The pro-choice movement, advocating for abortion rights, will organize local meetings, dinners and conferences to mark the anniversary.

Polls lay bare the stark divide between the pro-life and pro-choice camps.

A Pew poll showed that more than six out of 10 Americans would not like to see the high court overturn Roe v. Wade, against 29 percent who would like to see it struck down -- opinions that have not shifted much since surveys conducted 10 and 20 years ago.

(On January 22, 1973, the US Supreme Court decided in its landmark "Roe v. Wade" ruling that the constitutional right to privacy applied to abortion. Roe was "Jane Roe," a pseudonym for Norma McCorvey, a single mother pregnant for the third time, who wanted an abortion. She sued the Dallas attorney general, Henry Wade, over a Texas law that made it a crime to terminate a pregnancy except in cases of rape or incest, or when the mother's life was in danger.)

But abortion remains a heated political topic that can trigger the rise -- or downfall -- of conservative politicians in particular.

A flurry of abortion-related laws have nonetheless been passed at the state level, usually advanced by the powerful pro-life lobby and fought by the pro-choicers.

In May, Gallup said there had never been so few pro-choice supporters -- at 41 percent (against 56 percent in 1995) -- while 50 percent said they were pro-life (compared to 33 percent 16 years ago).

The anti-abortion activists "realize they can't really change the Supreme Court decision. They are not going to get an amendment to the Constitution, so they have adopted an incremental approach, state by state," said James Kelly, professor emeritus of sociology at Fordham University.

The Guttmacher Institute on sexual and reproductive health counted a record number of 92 abortion-related laws passed in 2011, and 43 in 2012.

They range across a wide spectrum, from measures limiting late-stage abortions to barring health care insurance reimbursements for the operation and a requirement for the pregnant woman to get a sonogram.

These legal restrictions "are different paths to the same goal, a goal of preventing a woman

from being able to actually get an abortion, even if it's technically legal," said Jennifer Dalven of the American Civil Liberties Union rights group.

About 1,800 clinics provide abortion services today across the United States, but 83 percent of counties do not have such centers. There is only one clinic in Mississippi, a southern state with three million inhabitants.

Despite emotions still running high over the issue, activists do not resort to killing doctors as took place in the 1990s.

"They were lone wolves, they were operating on their own, insisted Kelley.

"Abortion is never going to be resolved completely; it's something that civilization is going to have to deal with maybe forever."

## Fungal Infections of the Skin - Athlete's Foot



-- Athlete's foot, also called tinea pedis, is a fungal infection of the foot. It causes peeling, redness, itching, burning, and sometimes blisters and sores.

Athlete's foot is a very common infection. The fungus grows best in a warm, moist environment such as shoes, socks, swimming pools, locker rooms, and the floors of public showers. It is most common in the summer and in warm, humid climates. It occurs more often in people who wear tight shoes and who use community baths and pools. Common symptoms include:

- \* Peeling, cracking, and scaling of the feet -
- \* Redness, blisters, or softening and breaking down of the skin -
- \* Itching, burning, or both.

**Not all itchy, scaly feet have athlete's foot.** Athlete's foot is treated with topical antifungal medication (a drug placed directly on the skin) in most cases. Severe cases may require oral drugs. The feet must be kept clean and dry since the fungus thrives in moist environments. Steps to prevent athlete's foot include wearing shower sandals in public showering areas, wearing shoes that allow the feet to breathe, and daily washing of the feet with soap and water. Drying the feet thoroughly and using a quality foot powder can also help prevent athlete's foot.

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## Sci-Tech

### Apple, Google chiefs face grilling on 'no-poaching'

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Apple chief Tim Cook and Google chairman Eric Schmidt are expected to face questioning in a lawsuit accusing Silicon Valley giants of secretly agreeing not to "poach" one another's workers, according to officials and court documents.

Plaintiffs' attorneys said US District Court Judge Lucy Koh endorsed questioning Cook, Schmidt, as well as Intel head Paul Otellini, after reasoning that high-level executives would know about restrictions on hiring talent.

During a hearing last week in her courtroom in the California city of San Jose, Koh referred repeatedly to email evidence that included a request in 2007 by then Apple chief Steve Jobs that Google stop recruiting Apple workers.

While Cook was not mentioned in the email messages, it was reasonable to expect that his position as chief operating officer included being kept apprised of issues involving employee expenses, the judge said.

Cook took over as Apple chief in 2011 after Jobs stepped down due to a battle with cancer, which claimed his life.

Schmidt was scheduled for deposition on February 21, while Intuit chief and Apple board member Bill Campbell was slated to be deposed the fifth of that month, according to court documents. The date of Cook's deposition has not been set.

The lawsuit filed in 2011 accuses a set of technology companies of stifling careers and earnings prospects of employees by agreeing not to "poach" one another's workers.

Lawyers representing the plaintiffs have asked Koh to grant them class-action status to represent all workers who may have been affected. A jury trial is set to begin in November.

The civil suit followed the settling of restraint of trade litigation by the US Justice Department due to the "no-poaching" agreement.

UNITED STATES (AFP) - At Cape Canaveral Air Force Station's Space Launch Complex 41 in Florida, preparations are underway to erect the first stage of the Atlas V rocket that will carry the Tracking and Data Relay Satellite, TDRS-K, into orbit in this NASA photo obtained January 18, 2013. TDRS-K is the first of three next-generation communications satellites designed



to ensure vital operational continuity for NASA. The seven TDRS spacecraft currently in orbit provide tracking, telemetry, command and high-bandwidth data return services for numerous science and human exploration missions orbiting Earth. These include NASA's Hubble Space Telescope and the International Space Station. TDRS-K has a high-performance solar panel designed for more spacecraft power to meet growing S-band communications requirements.



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DIJON (AFP) - A general view shows a new, high-speed phenotype platform (PPHD) at the National Institute of Agronomy Research (INRA) in the northeastern French city of Dijon. The new platform in Dijon allows researchers to rapidly analyze plant evolution in relation with their environment to identify the most efficient genes to save water and fertilizers.



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## MEASURE BY MEASURE

## ACROSS

1. California town
5. Chocolate, for some
9. Strolling spot by the water
13. Farm sound
14. Speak publicly
16. Division direction
17. Chicago sight
19. Color of undyed fabric
20. Animation sheet
21. Beanery fare
22. Scent bag
24. Actor Fred or Ben
26. Fresh
27. A nice time in Nice
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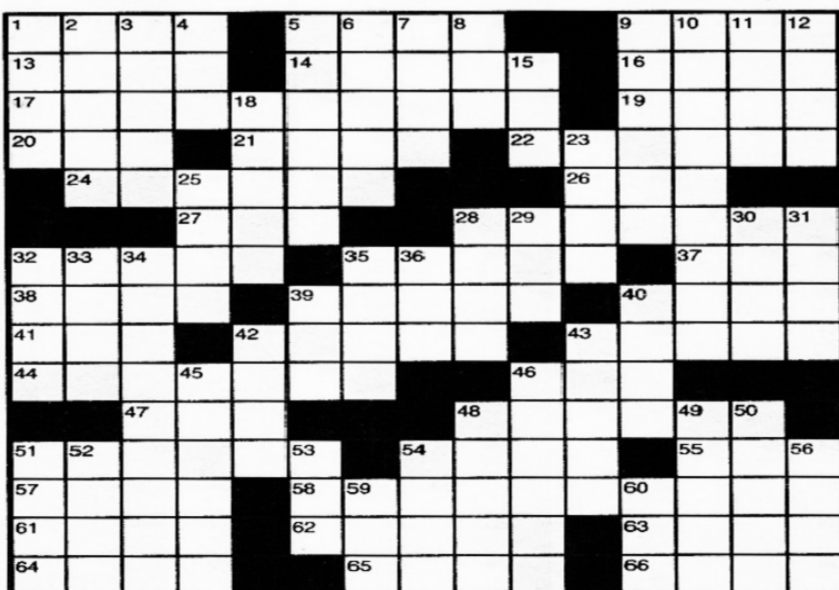
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38. Charlotte or Norma
39. Feels regret
40. Solo
41. Napoleon and Peter the Great, e.g.: abbr.
42. Formicary inhabitant
43. Parcel out
44. Pugilists' pounders
46. Playing marble
47. "Here Comes the \_\_\_"
48. Hamelin pest
49. Banquet, informally
51. 1949 role for Victor Mature
54. Cylindrical structure

55. "Mr. and \_\_\_ Smith"
57. Turkish regiment
58. Novice
61. Loam
62. Subway gate
63. Cartoonist Peter
64. Actress Lamarr
65. Unlock
66. Full-bodied

## DOWN

1. Pear variety
2. Ceremonies
3. "\_\_\_ Gay" (WWII plane)
4. Dog breeders' gp.
5. Journey
6. Enraged
7. Gridlock participants
8. Airport sked letters

9. "I Fall to \_\_\_" (Patsy Cline)
10. Certain moth larvae
11. To be: Fr.
12. Runaway victory
15. Pluralizer
18. "To Autumn" poet
23. Stuart queen
25. Fall flight formations
28. Bevel
29. Nationality suffix
30. Entranced
31. Convention section: abbr.
32. Refrain syllables
33. Tante or tia
34. Lovely Rita, for one
35. Everybody: Ger.
36. Ghost's shout
39. \_\_\_ Bey
40. Bonn article
42. E-flat sax
43. Outburst
45. Handily
46. Blood reservoir
48. Edge
49. Passion, in Pisa
50. Bagpipe sound
51. Name tag for Miss America
52. Lotion ingredient
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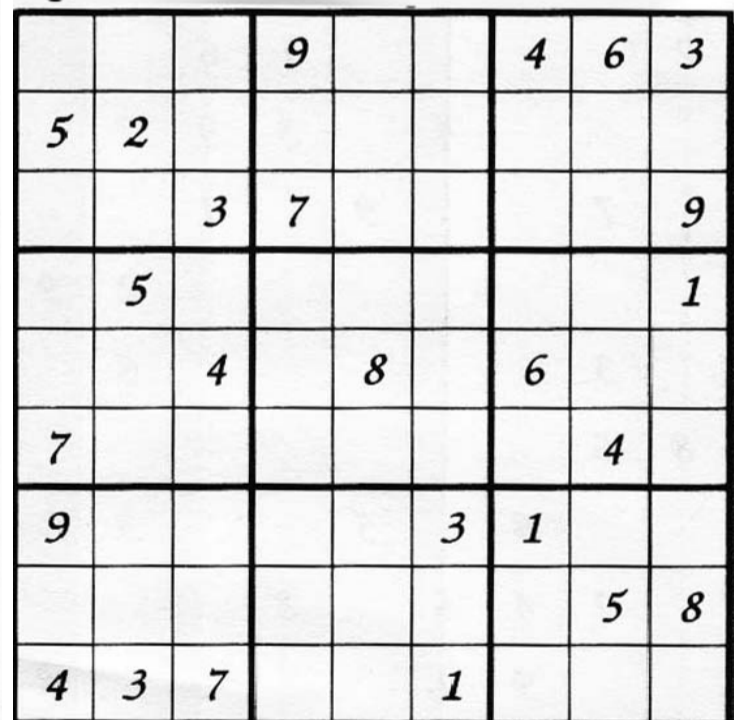
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## SOLUTION

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6	2	5	8	1	4	7	9	3
4	1	8	9	7	6	5	2	3
3	9	7	6	5	2	1	4	8

Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9  
A number is Never repeated in a row or column.  
In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9

## Finance

## Forest, mines, farmland: Liberia is for sale

MONROVIA (AFP) - Liberia is selling itself slice by slice nine years after a terrible civil conflict finally came to an end, offering valuable resources to the highest bidder even though that could kindle tension among a population that often feels it is being sold out.

The chairman of the Liberia Land Commission, Othello Brandy, says that 57.5 percent of the nation's territory has been allotted via concessions, for a total of 5.6 million hectares (13.8 million acres), of which a little more than one million hectares represented agricultural land.

Alfred Brownell, a lawyer who founded the non-governmental organisation Green Advocates estimates that at least 120 foreign companies have signed concessions contracts in Liberia, a country the size of Portugal that was colonised by freed black slaves from the United States.

"There is no capacity of absorption in Liberia, no skills, no trained people," Brownell noted, "we will depend on foreign experts."

The lawyer defends Liberian communities that are affected by palm oil plantations and warns: "If we get back to war, it will be on land."

The United Nations still maintains a peacekeeping

force in Liberia and a panel warned in early December of the potential for land conflicts.

Its report underscored "numerous underlying conflicts of title as well as violations of landowners rights," and added: "This has the potential to undermine peace and security in outlying rural areas."

But Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2011, is under pressure to rebuild the nation's economy, Brandy said.

He noted: "It's like repairing a moving car, extremely difficult."

In most cases, land concessions are negotiated in the capital Monrovia, far from those who are directly affected.

Interior Affairs Minister Blamoh Nelson explained that "the government signs for a general territory, areas of interest," and then the company involved goes to the area to meet "traditional groups and customary leaders to limit the boundaries."

Nelson acknowledged that local chiefs do not always "understand what they signed."

An early example of a Liberian concession was one signed in 1926 with US tyre maker Firestone which acquired the rights to a half million hectares near Monrovia,

but ended up producing "not even a rubber band," according to Brownell.

More recently diamonds, gold and wood earned fortunes for Liberian warlords until former president Charles Taylor was ousted in 2003 and the UN voted sanctions against international trade in "blood wood."

Sirleaf annulled many controversial deals but has also signed new ones covering agricultural, forestry, mineral and offshore oil resources.

That situation is often seen elsewhere in Africa, the continent now most coveted by foreign investors owing to its vast natural resources.

Paul Mathieu, a specialist in land rights for the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, estimates that "80 percent of rural land rights are either not documented at all or else only in vague terms because governments consider themselves the land owners."

In Liberia, agriculture accounts for 61 percent of the nation's total economic output.

In southern Liberia, 220,000 hectares have been ceded for 93 years to the Indonesian group Golden Veroleum Liberia (GVL) to produce palm oil, and on which around 200 families now live.

Sirleaf, a former World Bank economist, has applied a policy that was long favoured by that institution but which has been called into question since, promoting export products and crops even if it means importing food.

## Iraq finds extra billion barrels of oil: ministry

BAGHDAD (AFP) - Iraq said on Sunday it has discovered deposits of crude equivalent to one billion barrels of oil after the first exploration work by state-owned firms in almost 30 years.

The deposits were found after exploration in Maysan province, in southern Iraq near the border with Iran, and could potentially make a significant

addition to Baghdad's already substantial reserves.

"Exploration began in Maysan, south of (provincial capital) Amara" last year, oil ministry spokesman Assem Jihad told AFP. "Today, it completed 100 percent and achieved a big success."

Jihad said the state-owned oil exploration firm had been carrying out its first exploration work within Iraq in nearly three decades.

Iraq, which is highly dependent on oil sales for government revenue, has sought in recent years to dramatically ramp up production and exploration in order to help rebuild its conflict-battered economy and infrastructure.

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## Economic summit must tackle Arab Spring: Saudi minister

RIYADH (AFP) - A two-day economic summit that opened today in Saudi Arabia must break with tradition and tackle people's aspirations in the wake of the Arab Spring uprisings, the Saudi foreign minister said.

The minister stressed that the summit must tackle "the problems and issues that concern the lives of our people. We must meet the aspirations of the people."

Poverty, unemployment and social inequalities were among the causes that triggered a Tunisian uprising in late 2010 that later spread to Egypt, Libya, Yemen, Bahrain and Syria.

Experts have warned the Arab world risks losing the fragile gains made by the uprisings, which brought to an end decades of iron-fisted rule by leaders in Tunisia, Egypt, Libya and Yemen.

A recent economic report noted that unemployment in 2011 stood at 16 percent in Arab countries where 17 mil-

lion people out of 300 million are jobless.

At the same time inter-Arab investments stood at a mere 25 billion dollars across the region.

The summit in oil-rich Saudi Arabia is expected to discuss the amendment of an Arab convention on investments in a bid to bolster the role of the private sector, the minister said.

The meeting would also examine means of drawing up new financial resources to support impoverished Arab states, he added.

IMF first deputy managing director David Lipton told Tunisian businessmen in November that Arab countries in transition should push for reforms, encourage investment, boost productivity and create jobs.

A World Bank-Gallup poll survey published on November 27 stressed the regime was in dire need of "social safety nets" to satisfy the socio-economic demands of the Arab Spring.



ISLAMABAD (AFP) : Pakistani motorists wait in line at a refuelling station in the outskirts of Islamabad on January 20, 2013. Pakistan has substantial natural gas reserves and in the past the government encouraged motorists to convert their cars to run on CNG in order to reduce dependency on imported oil.

### SATURDAY'S Crossword Answer

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## Does everyone think someone else should drive a green car?

DETROIT (AFP) - The green car market is only inching along in the United States, hampered by high comparative costs and limited ranges on pure electric vehicles, but automakers remain confident their time will come.

"Everybody thinks that everybody else should be driving a green car," said Dave Sergeant, an auto analyst with JD Power.

Automakers have launched a host of hybrids and electric vehicles in recent years with huge fanfare in response to political pressure from the Obama administration to improve fuel economy drastically.

But lower emission vehicles are still struggling to find their public, winning over just 3.5 percent of US sales last year,



Nissan responded to poor sales of its pioneering Leaf by slashing the price Monday by about \$6,000, which would bring it down to as little as \$18,800 in some US locations, once tax breaks are considered.

Leaf's US sales rose just 1.5 percent to 9,819 vehicles in 2012, far below Nissan's target of doubling sales in its second year on the market.

on display at the Detroit auto show.

"When you look at our sales for electrified vehicles, we're seeing growth in that market," said Mark Fields, chief operating officer at Ford, which is developing a whole range of green cars, including its compact C-Max.

Toyota dominates the green car market in the United States, accounting for 70 percent of hybrid sales.

"There's no question that over time the price of fuel is going to go up, so we're confident that our plan to develop hybrids is the right long-term play, as is our foray into extended range plug-ins," Jim Lentz, head of Toyota Motor Sales USA, said in an interview on the sidelines of the show.

Toyota's dedicated hybrid line Prius is the best-selling car in Japan and achieves volumes



**BMW i8 Spyder Plug-in Hybrid**

with about 500,000 vehicles sold.

That is perhaps one reason why they were not a prominent part of this year's Detroit auto show, where luxury brands, pickups and performance dominated new vehicle launches.

Hybrids have overcome the initial fears many consumers had about the reliability of a new technology.

However, few are willing to swap to alternatives like a pure electric, compressed natural gas or hydrogen fuel cells that could strand them on the side of the road if they get too far from a filling station or electrical outlet, Sergeant said.

"Consumers are terrified by the range issue," he told AFP.

Cost is another major concern as consumers "tend to have a poor ability to do the math in terms of what they're going to pay and what they're going to save" on a hybrid, he said.

And even with big tax breaks, the \$30,000 to \$40,000 price tag for a plug-in electric Chevy Volt or fully electric Nissan Leaf is also off-putting.



**Toyota FCV-R**

Global sales rose 20 percent, well below Nissan's target of a 50 percent increase.

General Motors managed to triple the sales of its plug-in electric Volt to nearly 23,500 vehicles last year, but that remains well below the largest US automaker's target of 35,000.

"Unless gas prices go up to five to six dollars a gallon, we don't see a major shift in this," Sergeant said, noting that US consumers have become accustomed to gasoline priced at around \$3.25 a gallon.

Automakers expressed confidence in green cars currently

in the United States that most mainstream brands dream of: 236,000 in 2012.

With hybrids also available in Toyota's top selling Camry and Highlander models along with its luxury Lexus brand, they now account for 16 percent of the Japanese automaker's US sales at more than 327,000 in 2012.

Despite an outsized investment in advertising of green cars -- which can create a 'halo effect' for the whole lineup without necessarily leading to sales -- Toprak said automakers haven't done enough to explain the benefits of hybrids.

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**ALLAHABAD (AFP) :** Temporary tents for devotees are pictured at dusk at Sangam, the confluence of the Rivers Ganges, Yamuna and mythical Saraswati, during the Maha Kumbh Mela in Allahabad on January 20, 2013. The Kumbh Mela in the Indian town of Allahabad will see up to 100 million worshippers gather over the next 55 days to take a ritual bath in the holy waters, believed to cleanse sins and bestow blessings



**PHNOM PHEN (AFP) :** Cambodian soldiers look on as students march during a funeral march procession rehearsal for the late former King Norodom Sihanouk in front of the Royal Palace in Phnom Penh on January 19, 2013. Cambodia's beloved former monarch Norodom Sihanouk, who died aged 89 last month, will be cremated on February 4 following an elaborate ceremony, Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen said.

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## Aruba Waterpark-FINALLY, affordable family fun!



Heaven knows, Aruba has a climate and environment that begs for a waterpark, but has been unsuccessful so far in presenting a proper facility for all ages. The owner and engineer of Aruba Waterpark, sitting in the shadow of the Hooiberg, designed a fun place with eight great slides from kiddy to killer, surrounded by breathtaking vistas.

Not only does it offer frolicking in the fresh water, but has an extremely clean, attractive and CHEAP restau-

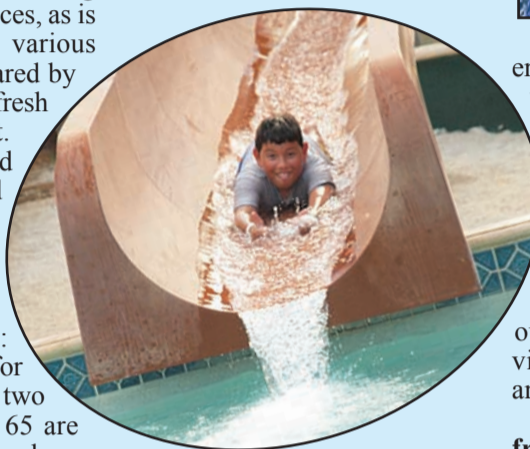
rant. Hamburger and hotdog platters are at local prices, as is excellent BBQ and various local specialties prepared by the chef from what is fresh and nice at the market.

Soups, salads, and various stobas and local dishes are served in ample portions.

Best part of Aruba Waterpark is the price: \$11 for adults and \$8 for children. Those under two years of age or over 65 are free. All-inclusive packages

for adults are available for only \$39 for unlimited food and beverages, including alcoholic drinks from the bar. A \$13 ticket for children includes lunch, two drinks and ice cream.

A lot of clever planning went into this park. The family area has long, slower slides for little ones and extremely shallow waters.



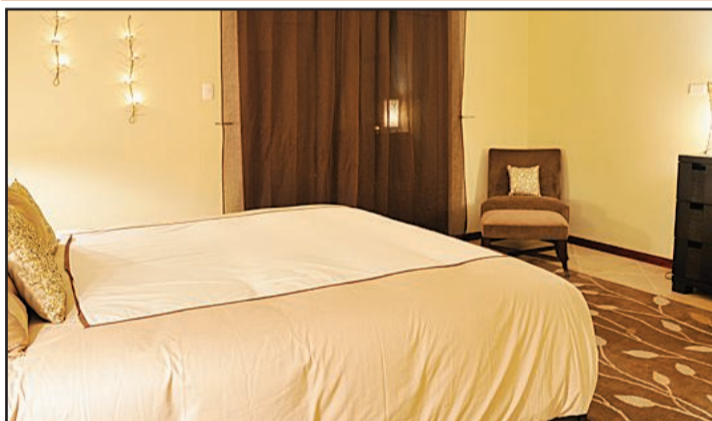
Those who "take no prisoners" will love the deep dips of the "adult" section. It is thoughtfully laid out so the climb to the top is not a daunting flight of steep stairs, but a gradual and charming nature walk that doesn't wear you out. The park is situated on a natural outcropping over amazing views of Aruba for miles around.

**Aruba Waterpark is open from 11:00 AM until 7:00 PM Tuesday through Sun-**

**day.** They host a 2-for-1 Happy Hour on Fridays from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. There is no fee for entering the park to enjoy the sunset from their cheerful dining/bar plaza, with already inexpensive drinks discounted even more.

Never crowded during the week it is easy to find, just head for the Hooiberg. **Call 585-0060 or visit their website: <http://www.arubavacationpark.com/aruba-waterpark> for more information and directions.**

## Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest



--Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on

Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really

want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2

advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms en-



tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking

ables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further en-

hance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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## Football: Van der Vaart returns as Hamburg claim point

BERLIN, (AFP) - Dutch midfielder Rafael van der Vaart made his first Hamburg appearance since November on Sunday to help his club secure a Bundesliga point at Nuremberg in a 1-1 draw.

Hamburg were denied all three points after South Korea striker Son Heung-Min hit the post seconds before the final whistle with Nuremberg goalkeeper Raphael Schaefer beaten.



Former Real Madrid and Tottenham Hotspur star Van der Vaart, 29, has endured a difficult few months after tearing his hamstring in November, then injuring his thigh, but looked sharp playing behind strikers Son and Artjoms Rudnev.

On Saturday, league leaders Bayern Munich enjoyed a 2-0 win at home against bottom side Greuther Fuerth.

Striker Mario Mandzukic scored either side of half-time for Bayern, who had pulled off a midweek coup by announcing they had persuaded Pep Guardiola, who won 14 titles in four years at Barcelona, to be their new head coach from July.

Bayer enjoyed a 3-1 win at home to fourth-placed Eintracht Frankfurt, although the first-half was briefly held-up after away fans lit flares in their block.

Defending champions Borussia Dortmund stayed in touch in third place with an emphatic 5-0 victory at Werder Bremen in sub-zero temperatures.

## Africa Cup of Nations



**PORT ELIZABETH (AFP)** - Niger's midfielder Boubacar Talatou (R) vies with Mali's midfielder Mahamane Traore (L) during the 2013 Africa Cup of Nations football match at Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium in Port Elizabeth yesterday. The Mail captain, Seydou Keita scored in the 84th minute to give Mali a 1-0 win against Niger and become the first team to win.



- Ghana's midfielder Mubarak Wakaso (L) fights for the ball with Democratic Republic of Congo's midfielder Trezor Mputu during their 2013 Africa Cup of Nations football match. DR Congo won 2-0.

## Sport

### Football: 4 injured, 8 arrested in Bulgarian fan fight

**SOFOIA (AFP)** - One policeman and three football supporters were injured and eight people were arrested in clashes between some 300 football fans in downtown Sofia, the interior ministry announced Sunday.

About 300 supporters of football arch rivals CSKA and Levski were involved in the fight, some armed with batons and metal rods, the ministry said in a statement.

Three fans, aged 14, 17 and 28, were hospitalised after the fight but were in a stable condition while one policeman sustained an arm fracture, the ministry said.

Media reports said one of the supporters had been stabbed with a ski pole in the face, while another had knife cuts.

Six fans of Levski and two of CSKA were arrested, the ministry said, adding it would likely make more arrests.

Media reports said CSKA fans had gathered to attend a basketball game at the opening of a new hall at their Bulgarian army home ground when they were attacked. Other reports said the fight was organised via social media.

Levski and CSKA are Bulgaria's most popular teams and traditional arch-rivals and their fans frequently clash.

Bulgaria's football league is now in its mid-season break with matches resuming on March 2.

Levski are currently second in the table with CSKA sitting fourth.

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## NBA: Belinelli lifts Bulls to over-time win over Celtics

BOSTON (AFP) - Marco Belinelli's turnaround jump shot with 3.1 seconds left in over-time lifted the Chicago Bulls to a 100-99 National Basketball Association win over the Boston Celtics on Friday.

Richard Hamilton scored 20 points and Carlos Boozer and Joakim Noah both notched double-doubles for a Bulls team that claimed a third-straight win and their fifth successive win on the road.

Chicago own the Eastern Conference's best road record of 12-5.

Boozer scored 19 points and grabbed a season-high 20 rebounds, while Noah finished with 14 points and 13 rebounds.

Boston's Rajon Rondo scored a season-best 30 points and handed out seven assists.



He led the Celtics back from an eight-point deficit early in the fourth quarter but fouled out with 1:16 remaining in over-time.

Kevin Garnett scored 16 points and Jared Sullinger posted 15 rebounds for the Celtics, whose season-high six-game winning streak has now been followed by two straight defeats.

Trailing 70-62 in the early stages of the fourth quarter, Boston engineered a 12-4 scoring run that included six points from Garnett to knot the score at 74-74 with seven minutes to play in regulation.

Rondo made one of two free throws to give the Celtics their

first lead of the game with 4:37 left, and the game stayed close until the end of regulation.

A Rondo jump shot with 36.6 seconds left in the fourth snapped an 84-84 tie. Boston maintained a two-point lead until the Bulls' Kirk Hinrich drained a jump shot with two seconds remaining to force over-time, in which neither team led by more than three points.

Chicago gained the win despite a disappointing night for leading scorer Luol Deng, who was held to a season-low three points on 1-of-6 shooting while playing just 27 minutes because of a strained hamstring.

## NHL: Kings ring in short season with banner ceremony



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - The Los Angeles Kings finally got to unfurl their first championship banner Saturday in a colourful ceremony after a labour dispute led to a three-month delay to the start of the NHL season.

The lockout-shortened season, originally set to begin in October, got underway with the Kings' dropping a 5-2 afternoon game to the 2010 Stanley Cup champion Chicago Blackhawks on a day when 26 of the league's 30 teams were in action.

The Kings pre-game ceremony featured the banner raising and a ring ceremony before the Stanley Cup was paraded around the Staples Center ice

with each of the players taking a turn lifting it over his head.

Kings' play-by-play announcer Bob Miller served as master of ceremonies, calling out the names of each player as they skated up individually to receive their Tiffany and Company-made championship rings.

Captain Dustin Brown then brought out the Stanley Cup as the sold-out crowd of 18,545 cheered.

The black and white banner was raised to the rafters where it will hang permanently. That is a departure from the 11 Los Angeles Lakers NBA championship banners which sit on the south wall of the arena.



**SANTIAGO :** A Paraguayan gaucho falls while riding a zebu bull during a rodeo on January 20, 2013 within the Misiones Traditional Festival held yearly in Santiago, Misiones, some 270 km south of Asuncion.

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## Football: Atletico match record run with Levante win



Adrian Lopez celebrating one of his goals



Osasuna lifted themselves off the bottom of the table with a crucial win

MADRID (AFP) - Atletico Madrid equalled their best ever winning streak at home in La Liga in a memorable season for the club with a 2-0 win Sunday over Levante.

Goals from Adrian Lopez and Jorge Resurrecion 'Koke' saw Atletico win their 12th straight league game at the Calderon and match the club record dating back to a run between the 1939-40 and 1940-41 seasons.

They have now had 18 straight victories in all competitions at home and during this campaign have overshadowed their more prestigious city rivals Real Madrid who face Valencia later.

Atletico now trail leaders Barcelona by eight points after the Catalan side lost their first league game of the season on Saturday, 3-2

against Real Sociedad, while Real Madrid are 18 points off the pace.

Atletico pressed Levante back from the start and Radamel Falcao fluffed a chance in front of goal after just three minutes.

Levante's own European hopes are based on a compact defence and they seemed happy to allow Atletico to whip in crosses from both wings but just after the half hour mark the home side caught them out.

Tiago Cardoso found Javier Manquillo on the right of the area and he squared for Adrian to tuck the ball home.

Koke added a second with a fine strike from 25 yards on the hour mark but the bad news was that Falcao went off with a leg strain, replaced by Diego Costa.

Spanish radio reported he appeared to have suffered a pulled hamstring.

Elsewhere on Sunday, Osasuna beat Deportivo la Coruna 2-1 and Valladolid won 2-0 against Zaragoza.

Real Madrid are set to face

a heated reception at the Mestalla with Valencia seeking revenge after a 2-0 defeat in the King's Cup last week when they were left angered by several refereeing decisions.

Madrid return to the

Mestalla on Wednesday night for the second leg of the cup game and it is possible that coach Jose Mourinho will rest players ahead of the game which is now a priority given Barca's lead in the championship.



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